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21	HMT Machine Tools Ltd.	Deptt, of Heavy Industry
22	Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd.	Deptt, of Heavy Industry
23	Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	Deptt, of Chemicals & Petrochemicals
24	Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.	Deptt, of Chemicals & Petrochemicals

In respect of the CPSEs mentioned against SI. No. 1,2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, & 13, the revival proposals have been approved by the Government.

Appointment of Independent Directors

2206. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI
AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are facing a dearth of suitable candidates for the appointment as Independent Directors on the Boards of Directors of CPSEs;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to introduce fresh talent in the Boards of Director from a large spectrum of professional and experts;

(c) whether Government are also considering to create a pool of independent professionals in fields relevant to CPSEs who could be appointed as independent directors;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Government have issued instructions from time to time for induction of professionals as Independent Directors on the Boards

of PSEs. Government have also laid down criteria regarding age, educational qualifications and professional experience in this regard. Independent Directors are selected from various fields like reputed management professionals, academics, former government servants, former chief executives of corporate sector/public sector enterprises and persons of eminence with proven track record from industry, business or agriculture.

(c) to (e) These instructions also provided that independent Directors are to be appointed from a panel prepared by Department of Public Enterprises in consultation with Public Enterprises Selection Board and the concerned Administrative Ministry/Department which also initiated the proposals in this regard.

Transfer of ownerships of HMT units

2207. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ex-employees of HMT Ltd. and those who are running the ancilliary units of the company have made a request to the management for transfer of ownership in them in view of the financial difficulties experienced by HMT in supporting these units; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in the matter and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) HMT Ancilliary Units Enterpreneur's Association has been representing for transfer of ownership of the Industrial Sheds to the licensees at a concessional rate. The management has conveyed that the transfer of ownership of the industrial sheds can take place at the prevailing market prices as per the policy of the Company and due to its own financial difficulties. The Company has sold 5 Industrial Sheds in the past to the highest bidders through tender process as well as to erstwhile licensee of the shed at the prevailing market rate during June 2003 to October 2003 and January 2005.